

Answers to “Ask the Consul” Questions

Note: Some questions may be edited to preserve the privacy of the writer.

Non-Immigrant Visas

- If someone fails a visa interview when can he reapply?
 - If you are refused a non-immigrant visa, you may reapply at any time. You would have to make a new appointment, fill a new form, and pay another fee. However, it is unlikely you will qualify for a visa unless something significant has changed in your situation or you have new information to present to the consular officer.
- I just filled out the visa application form online ds160. and I wanted to pay the online payment. Could you please tell me or send me the link. Thanks
- I finished my application and received a confirmation no. My question is how do I get an appointment for an interview?
 - To find out more about how to pay your fee and get an appointment, visit http://ethiopia.usembassy.gov/how_to_apply_for_niv.html
- What is the number of visa that is issued every year for non-immigrant and immigrant visa? For 2010, how many visas have been issued and approximately how many more will be issued?
 - You can find statistics about visa issuance on the State Department website here: http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/statistics/statistics_1476.html We will not release statistics for 2010 until the entire fiscal year (October 1 –September 30) is complete.
- In the non-immigrant visa application DS-160 under personal information, it asks about full name in native alphabet. My native alphabet isn't English and I don't have a software of my native alphabet, so can I check the Does not apply box?
 - Yes, you can. For more information on how to fill out the DS-160, please visit the DS-160 page here: http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4230.html

- I already submitted an application form to request a non-immigrant visa but now I want to change my mind that I want to go with my husband. How can I amend the application form that I already submitted to the consular office?
 - You cannot amend a DS-160 form, so you would have to submit a new form. For more information on how to fill out the DS-160, please visit the DS-160 page here: http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4230.html

- I am a high school senior accepted to university with almost full financial aid. My question to you is what documents are required. The other one is I was given a scholarship and does that work against me in the interview? I also want to ask if being a bit non-confident when you stand before the VO will hurt my visa process?
 - To find out what documents are required for a student visa, visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html
 - All student visa applicants are required to show that they can pay for their studies. Therefore, having a scholarship will assist you in meeting this requirement.
 - Do not worry about not being confident. Just tell the truth!

- How do I apply for my kid's visa if he is too little to sign his own form? Thank you in advance.
 - You can fill the form out and sign on behalf of your son.

- I have applied for a non-immigrant visa, and planning to travel around July, I shall be visiting my sister there. Do I need a letter from my sister inviting me?
 - An invitation letter is not required. For more information on documents required for a non-immigrant visa, please visit: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1262.html

- What are the US visa policies and procedures for receiving medical treatment in the U.S. and what kind of documents should I present for the visa application?
 - In addition to all of the documentation requirements for a tourist visa (see previous questions), the following documentation is also required, for persons seeking medical treatment in the U.S.:
 - Medical diagnosis from a local physician, explaining the nature of the ailment and the reason the applicant requires treatment in the United States.
 - Letter from a physician or medical facility in the United States, expressing a willingness to treat this specific ailment and detailing the projected length and cost of treatment (including doctors' fees, hospitalization fees, and all medical-related expenses).

- Statement of financial responsibility from the individuals or an organization that will pay for the patient's transportation, medical and living expenses. The individuals guaranteeing payment of these expenses must provide proof of ability to do so, often in the form of bank or other statements of income/savings or certified copies of income tax returns.